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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An image reproduction apparatus comprising:

an interface unit connected to a detachable memory configured to store a plurality of image files, each image file having a file structure that includes at least a high-resolution image and a low-resolution image for each image.

a display unit configured to display an image file of the plurality of image files stored in the detachable memory that is connected via said interface unit:

an operating unit operated by a user for forwarding an image displayed on the display unit; and

a control unit configured to cause the display unit to successively display a lowresolution image of the plurality of image files at fast speed while the operating unit is in a
predetermined operating state, and to display a high-resolution image corresponding to a prior
low-resolution image that is a predetermined number of images prior to the latest low-resolution
image displayed on the display unit when the operating unit is released from the predetermined
operating state, without displaying the prior low-resolution image or a high-resolution image
corresponding to the latest low-resolution image.

wherein the operating unit comprises a fast-forwarding button or a joystick member, and the predetermined number of images is set depending on a pressure applied by the user on the fast-forwarding button or on the tilt angle of the joystick member.

Claim 2 (original) The image reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined operating state is a state maintained continuously by the operating unit at a predetermined operating position for a predetermined time period.

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Claims 3 (previously presented) The image reproduction apparatus according to claim

1, further comprising a setting unit configured to set the predetermined number of images
depending on the fast forward speed.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (previously presented) The image reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a setting unit configured to set the predetermined number of images depending on a user-specified number.

Claim 6 (original) The image reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the high-resolution image is fast forward displayed when the operating unit is not in the predetermined operating state.

Claim 7 (currently amended) An image reproduction method for an image reproduction apparatus, the apparatus displaying on a display unit configured to display images according to image files from a detachable memory that is connected to an interface unit and is configured to store a plurality of the image files, each image file having a file structure that includes at least a high-resolution image and a low-resolution image for each image, the method comprising the steps of:

successively displaying a low-resolution image of the image files at fast speed when an operating unit is in a predetermined operating state;

displaying a high-resolution image corresponding to a prior low-resolution image that is a predetermined number of images prior to the latest low-resolution image displayed when the user releases the operating unit form from the predetermined operating state, without displaying the prior low-resolution image or a high-resolution image corresponding to the latest low-resolution image.

wherein the operating unit comprises a fast-forwarding button or a joystick member, and the predetermined number of images is set depending on a pressure applied by the user on the fast-forwarding button or on the tilt angle of the joystick member.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for causing an image reproduction apparatus to display on a display unit configured to display images according to image files from a detachable memory that is connected to an interface unit and is configured to store a plurality of the image files, each image file having a file structure that includes at least a high-resolution image and a low-resolution image for each image, the program comprising:

code for successively displaying a low-resolution image of the image files at fast speed when an operating unit is in a predetermined operating state; and

code for displaying a high-resolution image corresponding to a prior lowresolution image that is a predetermined number of images prior to the latest low-resolution
image displayed when the user releases the operating unit form from the predetermined operating
state, without displaying the prior low-resolution image or a high-resolution image
corresponding to the latest low-resolution image,

wherein the operating unit comprises a fast-forwarding button or a joystick member, and the predetermined number of images is set depending on a pressure applied by the user on the fast-forwarding button or on the tilt angle of the joystick member.